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LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-22. (cancelled)

23. (currently amended) A weather system for use in providing weather information to consumers over the Internet, comprising:

weather data for a plurality of geographical regions;

planning information for the geographical regions, the planning information containing data on at least one activity for multiple geographical regions;

mixed weather-planning data associated with the data on each activity for each of the multiple regions, the mixed weather-planning data providing a rating of each activity for each geographical region based on a plurality of factors, at least one factor related to the weather data for that geographical region; and

the system providing the mixed weather-planning data to consumers in conjunction with the planning information;

wherein the rating can be used by consumers in evaluating the activities at the multiple geographical regions and also in ranking the activities between the geographical regions based on the weather.

24. (currently amended) The system as set forth in claim 23, wherein the weather data used in formulating the mixed weather-planning data for one activity comprises a sub-set of weather data that may have having an effect on the one activity.

25. (original) The system as set forth in claim 24, wherein the one activity is golf, the mixed weather-planning data comprises a golf index, and the sub-set of weather data includes temperature, lighting strikes, wind conditions, and precipitation.

26. (original) The system as set forth in claim 23, wherein the system displays to consumers each of the weather data, planning information, and the mixed weather-planning data on a single page.

27. (original) The system as set forth in claim 23, further comprising a locator for allowing consumers to search for activities within different geographical regions.

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28. (currently amended) A method of providing weather data and planning information to a consumer over the Internet, comprising:

obtaining weather data for a plurality of geographical regions;

obtaining planning information for the geographical regions, the planning information containing data on at least one activity for multiple geographical regions;

receiving a request from the consumer over the Internet, the request specifying an activity and a certain geographical region;

obtaining mixed weather-planning data associated with the activity and the certain geographical region, the mixed weather-planning data rating each activity for each geographical region based on a plurality of factors, at least one factor related to the weather data for that geographical region;

providing planning information for the activity to the consumer; and

providing the mixed weather-planning data to the consumer through the Internet;

wherein the rating can be used by consumers in evaluating the activity at the certain geographical region based on the weather.

29. (original) The method as set forth in claim 28, wherein obtaining the mixed weather-planning data comprises deriving the mixed weather-planning data in response to the consumer's request.

30. (original) The method as set forth in claim 28, wherein obtaining the mixed weather-planning data comprises storing the mixed weather-planning data for a plurality of activities and a plurality of geographical regions.

31. (original) The method as set forth in claim 28, wherein receiving the request from the consumer comprises receiving an indication of what activity the consumer wants to do and an indication of where the consumer wants to do the activity.

32. (original) The method as set forth in claim 28, wherein receiving the request from the consumer comprises providing the consumer with a local weather page with links for planning different activities and the request is a selection of one of those links.

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33. (currently amended) The method as set forth in claim 28, wherein obtaining the mixed weather-planning data to the consumer comprises selecting a sub-set of the weather data that may have having an effect on the activity and deriving the rating from the sub-set of the weather data.

34. (original) The method as set forth in claim 28, wherein obtaining the mixed weather-planning data comprises obtaining an index of the activity based on the weather conditions.

35-64. (cancelled)

65. (new) The system of claim 23, wherein at least one of the factors of the plurality of factors relates to activity data.

66. (new) The system of claim 23, wherein at least one of the factors of the plurality of factors relates to planning information.

67. (new) The system of claim 23, wherein at least one of the factors of the plurality of factors is a subjective factor related to a comfort level associated with the activity.

68. (new) A method of providing weather-related information over a network comprising:

receiving a single request from a consumer, wherein the request identifies a specified category from among a plurality of categories and a specified geographic region from among a plurality of geographic regions;

in response to receiving the request, retrieving weather-related information corresponding to the specified category and the specified geographic region; and

providing the weather-related information to the consumer over the Internet.

69. (new) The method of claim 67, wherein the single request further identifies a specified time from among a plurality of times and the retrieved weather-related information corresponds to the specified category, the specified geographic region, and the specified time.

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70. (new) The method of claim 67, wherein the plurality of categories comprises a plurality of activity categories.

71. (new) The method of claim 67, wherein the plurality of categories comprises a category for local content.

72. (new) The method of claim 67, wherein the plurality of categories comprises a category for map content.

73. (new) The method of claim 67, wherein a default specified category is obtaining a local weather forecast.

74. (new) The method of claim 67, wherein the plurality of geographic regions are associated with a plurality of divisions of geographic specificity.

75. (new) The method of claim 73, wherein the plurality of divisions of geographic specificity include world, continent, geo-political region, country, region, state, and city.

76. (new) The method of claim 73, wherein the plurality of divisions of geographic specificity include city, state, county, zip code, and metropolitan area.

77. (new) A method of providing weather-related information to a consumer over the Internet comprising:

providing weather-related information to a consumer, wherein the weather related information has a corresponding set of attributes comprising a geographic region, a time period, and a category;

receiving a request for contextually-related information, wherein the requests comprises input from the consumer specifying a subset of attributes, wherein the subset is less than all of the attributes of the first set of attributes;

identifying contextually-related information corresponding to a second set of attributes, wherein the second set of attributes comprises the subset of attributes and one or more of the attributes corresponding to the weather-related information; and

providing the contextually-related information corresponding to the request.

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78. (new) A method of providing weather-related information to a consumer over the Internet comprising:

providing a first web page of weather-related information for a geographic area, wherein the weather-related information relates to a first category;

receiving a request for additional-weather related information, wherein the request specifies only a second category different from the first category;

retrieving the additional-weather related information using the second category and the geographic area associated with the first web page; and

providing a second web page of the additional weather-related information corresponding the geographic area and the second category.